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Matthew 5:38-42

RESPONDING TO EVIL

I. Introduction:

How Do You Respond To Difficult People?

II. Unpacking The Passage:

A. The _____ of Justice:

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' Matthew 5:38

The Lex Talionis:

²³ "But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.." Exodus 21:23-24

¹⁹ "If anyone injures his neighbor, whatever he has done must be done to him: ²⁰ fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. As he has injured the other, so he is to be injured." Leviticus 24:19-20

²¹ "Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot." Deuteronomy 19:21

B. The _____ of God:

God Has A Higher **Purpose** For Our Lives

³⁹ “But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person.”
Matthew 5:39

Responding To A Person Who Insults Or Humiliates
You:

“If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him
the other also.” Matthew 5:39

Responding To Someone Who Antagonizes You:

“And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic,
let him have your cloak as well.” Matthew 5:40

Responding To Someone Who Makes Unreasonable
Demands On You.

“If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two
miles.” Matthew 5:41

Responding To The Needy Who Request Money From
You.

“Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away
from the one who wants to borrow from you.”
Matthew 5:42

III. Conclusion and Application:

Our Choice:

Asserting our rights and retaliating

OR

Show the Love, Mercy and Compassion of God